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In re application of:

Egli et al.

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For: METAL ALLOY COMPOSITIONS AND : Examiner: Ling X. Xu

PLATING METHODS RELATED THERETO

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the present divisional application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14, 17, 25 and 26 as shown in the attached Listing of Claims.

Please amend claims 15, 18 and 19 as shown in the attached Listing of Claims.

Please add new claims 27 to 31.